

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

English for Academic and Professional Purposes

Quarter 1 – Week 1

Reading and Writing Academic Texts



What is in?

Reading is one skill that is put into good use every day. As soon as we go to the kitchen and open the cupboard to prepare our first meal for the day, we start reading the labels on the boxes and cans found on the shelves. We pick a box of cereals and read the instructions written on the package. With proper understanding of these directions, we can enjoy a hearty breakfast.

This section aims to enhance the students' skills in reading academic texts. In the earlier years, the students were taught reading strategies. These strategies can give them a better grasp of the reading texts (EAPP-TG, 2016).

The love of reading begins early in life; it comes with the first awareness of beauty. The first stirrings of youth, the first pangs of heartache. Reading involves you in experiences that appeal to the senses and to reason. It makes you more sensitive, more compassionate, and more capable of achieving the fullness of life.

Moreover, reading, as an integral component, plays an active role in the transformation of society because it is a dynamic synthesis of the spiritual, material and historical reality of a society.

WHY WE NEED TO READ?

When we read, we get pleasure in entering into a new world so different from our possessed world. We get pleasure of reading and we get the pleasure of having built our own knowledge, emotions, and imaginations stipulated, and most importantly, we come to know man and later become one.

Man has a dual nature: he is a dreamer of dreams and a doer of deeds. His dreams are recorded and his accomplishments, too. History records man's deeds, his outward nature, but to know man well, we search deeper beyond his history. Only when we read that we understand man's deeds and ideals.

The same experience awaits us when we begin to read seriously. This module has two aspects: one, of simple enjoyment and appreciation; the other, of analysis and description. When we read an academic text that appeals to our senses, we discover new world, a world so different from ours. To enter and enjoy this new world, we must learn to love reading academic texts. To analyze and explain them is less joyous but still an important thing in this very modern and challenging world in the first quarter of the 21st century.



What is more?

Now that you are progressing about our lesson, remember this!

Academic Writing

Academic writing is what scholars do to communicate with other scholars in their fields of study, their disciplines.

It is the research report a biologist writes, the interpretive essay a literary scholar composes, the media analysis a film scholar produces.

Academic Writing is a process.

- Posing a question
- Problematizing a concept
- Evaluating an opinion
- Answering the question/s posed

Academic writing has a specific purpose.

- To inform
- To argue a specific point
- To persuade

Academic writing addresses a specific audience.

- Teacher (for the most part)
- Peers (read and evaluate the work)
- Academic community (read the work)